

(DISTRICT POLITICS.)

Old Rockcastle To The Front For Bethurum and Jarvis

Judges Bethurum and Jarvis began a canvass of this county in the interest of their candidacy for Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney on last Thursday week, and closed here last Saturday with the greatest and most enthusiastic rally that has ever been seen by the people of the county.

Their tour of the county has been one continuous ovation. At many of their appointments the crowd was so large that standing room could not be had, and many people had to be turned away, and failed to hear the speeches. It is the general opinion of the people here that no men ever got such a splendid reception by the Republicans of old Rockcastle as did Bethurum and Jarvis on their trip through the county.

The friends of these candidates arranged for them a barbecue here Saturday last, and it was a decided success. Mt. Vernon was crowded with Republicans from "early morn till dewy eve", and enthusiasm was of the highest pitch all day long.



JUDGE B. J. BETHURUM.

The speaking began promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. Dr. M. Pennington was made the Chairman, and in a brief and well-worded speech introduced the first speaker, Hon. James R. Cook, a former Rockcastle boy, and now a prominent lawyer and Editor of Somerset. Mr. Cook made a fine speech, and it was well received by the crowd. He said that Bethurum and Jarvis had made honest and capable officials and should be re-elected; that they had enforced the law, and that the claims of the opposition that cases had been filed away and dismissed was a mere deception and bugaboo to scare the people. He said that he had compared the record of Bethurum and Jarvis in the Pulaski Circuit Court with Judge Morrow and J. N. Sharp during Morrow's last term as Judge, and that Bethurum and Jarvis had not filed or dismissed one half the number of cases that were filed and dismissed by Morrow and Sharp. He paid tribute to the honesty and worth of Judge Morrow and Attorney Sharp, and said that all the people had confidence in them but that the same argument used by Kennedy and Flippin would condemn them as dishonest and incompetent officials. He said that the opposition to Judges Bethurum and Jarvis at Somerset consisted of a few notorious bolters and party wreckers and that Bethurum and Jarvis would carry Pulaski County by not less than 1000 majority.

The next speaker in the forenoon was Hon. J. C. Davis, Ex County Attorney of Wayne County, the home and birth place of H. C. Kennedy and Flippin, to the great delight of the crowd. He said that he and Kennedy were both born and raised in Wayne, and he knew Kennedy was a chronic bolter and party disorganizer. He charged that Kennedy bolted and helped to defeat the Republican County ticket of Wayne in 1909, and in 1910 bolted Caleb Powers and in 1911 bolted and "laid down on" the State Republican ticket headed by Judge Ed C. O. Rear, and openly fought and helped defeat Dr. J. A. Sloan, Republican nominee for member of the Kentucky legislature from the Wayne-Clinton Legislative District. He said that in fact the Kennedy's were never known to support a Republican ticket which did not have a Kennedy on it. He said that Kennedy started out as a preacher of the Gospel, and that he had heard him preach, and after doing this for two years he quit the ministry and put on the white apron of the saloonist and went into the saloon and debauched the manhood of Monticello and Wayne County by selling liquor, and continued to sell it until the people voted Monticello dry by a tremendous majority. He said that he was an eye witness to the fact that he did preach and quit the pulpit and went into a saloon. "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God"; and because of his inconsistent manner of living in this, and many other things known of him and brought to the attention of the public in this campaign, Kennedy is likewise "unfit" and unworthy to hold the office of Circuit Judge of this district, composed as it is of an enlightened, God-fearing and cultured citizen-ship. He ridiculed Kennedy's claim that he would carry Wayne County by a big majority, and said that if he carried the county he would have to get it in a better shape than it is in now. Davis was given good attention, and made a great speech and aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He attempted to close his speech two or three times, but the crowd insisted that he give them more of Kennedy's record, and when he did finally close he was assured by the people that his was one of the best speeches that was ever delivered in the courthouse at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Davis made a fine impression and will not soon be forgotten by the Republicans of Rockcastle County.

After dinner was served, and promptly at 1 o'clock, Judge Burgess J. Bethurum, Rockcastle County's son, and our neighbor boy began his address. The courthouse was packed and standing room was at a premium hundreds of people could not get into the court room and were, therefore, denied a chance to hear the speaker. When he arose to speak the crowd went wild, and it was at least five minutes before he could proceed with his speech. When quiet was restored he delivered one of the best speeches ever heard in Mt. Vernon. With his characteristic eloquence he drew a picture of his career from childhood to the present. He recounted what those present already knew: That he was raised on a farm in this county, and by his own exertions, unaided, he had worked his way from the farm to the office of Circuit Judge. He said that he had been a sober person and stood for temperance all his life, and that as Judge of the Court he had put into practical application his temperance ideas, and that as a result there were fewer liquor dealers in this Judicial District than ever before. This the audience knew. Following this statement of Judge Bethurum the applause was instantaneous and vociferous. He then discussed the improved condition in his district. He said when he assumed the duties of the Judgeship that all the dockets of the district were burdened with many murder cases, and that conditions had so improved in the district that there was practically no violation of the law in the district, and we had very few murder cases on the docket. He discussed the McBeath case, and showed plainly that Kennedy tried to "fleece" this old colored man and would have done it, and would have taken a sum worth from \$200.00 to \$400.00 for \$39.46 if it had not been for the honesty of the Circuit Court, and the Court of Appeals. He said that the conduct of Kennedy in this one case proved him an unsuitable person to serve as Judge of a great district like this. He said that a man who was that fond of money should not be placed in the responsible position of Circuit Judge.

Judge Bethurum spoke for one hour and thirty minutes, and gave to the people of Rockcastle County a graphic history and description of the man who is opposing him for Circuit Judge.

His speech was well received throughout, and was a masterly presentation of the issues.

There has never been any opposition scarcely to Judge Bethurum in this county, and the canvass of same, which closed Saturday last in such a "blaze of glory" and outpouring of the Republicans of this county attests the fact that there will be no opposition of any consequence in this county. His clean record as an officer; his spotless character as a man, his uprightness as a citizen, together with his well known loyalty to Republican principles and Republican nominees, appeal strongly to his old friends and neighbors at home, and are the strongest reasons for his popularity here, and why they are supporting him so unanimously, and with such unwavering loyalty.

As soon as Judge Bethurum finished his speech Judge M. L. Jarvis, candidate for the Republican nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney, was introduced and spoke for one hour. He scored his opponent for his "unslinging" campaign methods, and proved to the people that Flippin is no lawyer; that he had resided in Somerset for five years and had never tried nor argued a case before a jury in the Circuit Court during that time. He said that Flippin had been holding office for years, and that if he had taken care of the salary that had been paid him for services poorly performed, and had not wasted same in high living, that he could now be occupying a palace. He pointed out the number of offices Flippin had held, and the amount of public money that had been paid him. He also stated that Flippin comes of an office-holding family, and that Flippin was fed and educated on the salary paid Flippin's father out of County, State and Federal Treasuries. He pointed out that Flippin was raised in the town of Thompkinsville, the County seat of Monroe County, by parents who were educated and had means with which to educate him, and that as a boy he was given every opportunity; but, notwithstanding all this that his business and professional life was a failure. On the other hand the Judge claimed that he was born and raised on Mill Creek in Clinton County; and that his parents while honest, possessed very little of the world's goods; that he was given no advantage at all, and by his own efforts had risen from obscurity to that of Circuit Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney of this district.

Judge Jarvis explained to the satisfaction of all present why more prosecutions had been filed or dismissed than tried in Rockcastle County. He said the grand jury of Rockcastle county had indicted the Adams Express Company in a number of cases for carrying liquor from foreign states and delivering same to persons in this County that had to be dismissed on authority of an opinion of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky; that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad had also been indicted in a number of cases against them for failing to block the switch frogs, and that the proof in the case tried showed that it was the guard rail not blocked, and not the frog, the Statute required the Company to block the switch frog, but not broad enough to include the guard-rail; that on final trial the lower court gave peremptory instructions to the jury to find for the Company; that he, as Commonwealth's Attorney, appealed from the ruling of the lower court to the Court of Appeals; the higher court sustained the lower court, and the proof being the same in all the cases, as a matter of course, on the ruling of the Court of Appeals, they had to be dismissed. He called attention to the Spoonamore cases, 30 in number. He showed that Spoonamore had been arrested, but later broke jail, and has ever since been absent from this county and unheard of, and is now a refugee; that his cases were called for trial; that four judgments of \$100.00 each and 40 days in jail were taken against him and the rest filed. He stated that Kennedy and Flippin were trying to convince the people of this district that he and the Circuit Judge had done wrong in dismissing the cases, although the Court of Appeals had held that neither the Express Company nor the L & N. R. Co., had violated no law. He referred to other instances in this county where prosecutions had to be dismissed, and asked the voters to investigate for themselves and they would find that the charge of filing or dismissing to many indictments or prosecutions made by Kennedy and Flippin is without foundation and is deceptive, it is merely the instruments of the demagogue. In view of Judge Jarvis' satisfactory explanation for dismissing prosecutions in this county, the reasons given by him for dismissing cases in other counties of the district were accepted by the crowd as being both right and legal. He said that Flippin and Kennedy knew why these cases were dismissed, but that they were too unfair to tell, but intended to keep the reason concealed from the voters. The Judge's speech contained many appropriate anecdotes told by him in good style, which amused the crowd, causing mirth and applause; on a whole his speech was a great success.

We repeat that last Saturday was a great day at Mt. Vernon in old Rockcastle. The Republicans were at the county seat, and in an orderly way doing honor to their Circuit Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney, in whom they repose perfect confidence. Keep an eye on old Rockcastle, she is in the Bethurum and Jarvis column not less than 1000 majority strong.

ALL FOR BETHURUM AND JARVIS

BRODHEAD.

I understand that the enemies of Judges Bethurum and Jarvis are circulating the report over the District that I am opposing their nomination for Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney. This is absolutely false and untrue. I am giving both of these gentlemen loyal and sincere support, and practically all of my friends in this county are doing likewise.

I have known Judge Bethurum throughout his whole life and I know that he has been a sober, moral person and has stood consistently for temperance and good government. He was raised on a farm by poor parents who were not able to give him an education, and by hard work and devotion to duty he—through his own efforts—obtained an education. I have watched his conduct as an official, and I know that he has given satisfaction, and has made an upright, impartial Judge.

Judge Jarvis has proven himself a conscientious and able prosecutor, and deserves a re-election at the hands of the Republicans of this District, and I feel safe in saying that both, Bethurum and Jarvis will carry Rockcastle county in the August primary by not less than 1000 majority.

This the 12th day of July, 1915.

CAM MULLINS, Sheriff of Rockcastle Co.

I have read the above article signed by Mr. Cam Mullins, Sheriff of this county and wish to state that I am supporting, with all earnestness, the candidacy of both Bethurum and Jarvis, and fully concur in all that Mr. Mullins has said with reference to the character and conduct of the above named candidates; also with what he has to say with reference to their strength in this county. I am firmly convinced that they will carry the county by not less than 1,000 majority.

S. F. BOWMAN, Clerk Rockcastle County Court.

Members of Somerset Bar Appreciate Judge Bethurum's Honesty and Ability

We, the undersigned members of the Somerset Bar, holding in high esteem the character and ability of Judge B. J. Bethurum, hereby express our appreciation of the clean and honest record he has made as presiding Judge of the Pulaski Circuit Court, and of the sincere concern he has shown at all times to administer even and exact justice.

We assert that his entire conduct on the bench has been characterized by absolute fairness and justice, and by a fearless desire to enforce the law. He has shown great capacity as an executive and marked ability as a lawyer, and we deprecate any unjust efforts that may be made to depreciate his public service, or reflect upon his integrity. Oct. 20, 1914.

Signed

J. W. Colyer
O. H. Waddle,
James L. Colyer
R. B. Waddle
R. C. Tarter
E. T. Wesley
Ben. V. Smith
J. F. Burdine
J. R. Cook
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J. S. Cooper,
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JUDGE M. L. JARVIS.

JUDGE BETHURUM

Judge Burgess J. Bethurum will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Court Judge of this Judicial District. Should the Republicans nominate him? We speak as a Democratic paper. As such we do not control politics. Not for one moment would we dictate to the Republicans. But we have rights as an editor, citizen, taxpayer, and as one who is very much interested in the commercial, financial, moral and educational growth of our county. As such we are naturally interested in the selection of our officials to execute our laws and to administer justice in our courts. Judge Bethurum was born and reared among us, educated in our schools and admitted to the practice of law right here in his home town. He married into one of the best and most influential families of our county. He was a successful lawyer and made a high class Commonwealth's Attorney. He is serving his first term as Circuit Court Judge and has made good. He stands for law and order. There is no stain on his private life. His daily conduct has been in keeping with his high judicial position. He has studied to know the law that he might apply it correctly. Fearlessly (Continued on last page.)

Misses Lucile Pilkenton, Sue, Cable, Mary Furnish and Elvora Frith, C. H. Frith and Joe Riddle were in Mt. Vernon Thursday of last week.—J. Thos. Cherry was up from Crab Orchard early last Friday morning.—Miss Mary Adams, of Crab Orchard, was the guest of her mother near here from Friday until Wednesday.—R. P. Pike, of Barboursville, was here first of the week to see his brother, Rev. A. J. Pike.—Alex Smith was at Mt. Vernon last Friday between trains.

Miss Angie Hunt, of Marietta, was the guest of her sister Mrs. W. H. Anderson, last Friday and Saturday.—The house carpenters of the L. & N. are here this week. They began moving the old depot Tuesday afternoon preparatory to building a new one, but just when that will be no one seems to know.—Miss Gertie Cundiff and Mrs. Cora Wesley Bell, of Liberty were among the ones that visited our town from the Capital of Casey Sunday.—Miss Blanche Francisco returned to her home in La Follette Tenn., after spending several weeks with relatives here.—Ed Williams, of Junction City, was here during the week fishing. He made some pretty catches. He was the guest of Mrs. Loutisha Roberts and family while here.—Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Pise, of Danville, are the guests of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Pize this week.—Miss Mabel Roberts, of Rowland, was visiting the Misses Roberts here this week.

R. S. Shivel and John Robins were in Crab Orchard, Stanford, Lancaster, Danville and other points this week advertising the Brodhead Fair. They also attended the Danville fair while there.—Ed Hurt, whose headquarters are at Lebanon Junction is with his father and brother here this week.—Mrs. Thomas Capps, of Rowland, was visiting her mother, Mrs. Bettie Brown, near here first of week. She left Thursday for Colorado where she will join her husband.—Miss Lala Jones and a Mr. Collier were here from Crab Orchard a few hours Tuesday.—Mrs. Julia Ward of Glencoe Ky., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Furnish this week.—Mr. Rice Harmon, of Perryville, was visiting the Rev. Pike first of the week.—Miss Ella Carson is with home folks this week.—Miss Dixie Williamson was the guest of Miss Ella Carson this week.—Miss Anna Sullivan, of Williamsburg, is visiting Mrs. Rea Brooks, and other relatives here this week.

PROGRAM, LIVINGSTON B. Y. P. U.

July 25th, 1915

Missionary Meeting, Home Mission Schools.
Pres. in charge
Song
Prayer
Song
Report of Membership Committee
Review of Bible Readers' Course.
Leader of meeting in charge
Song "Go Ye Into All the World"
Prayer
Scripture Reading—Acts 12: 1-12
Earl Rice, Maurice Cottingham
Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Some of the Characteristics of the Mountain People, by Leader
The resources of the Mountains
Mrs. G. A. McClure
Our Schools are for Those Who are Not Reached by Other Schools W. E. Gray
Why the Church is the Best Missionary Work
J. P. E. Drummond
What our Home Board is Doing Through our Schools
1. Map of the World Sam Hillard
2. How the Work is Being Conducted Bessie Owens
Special Song
An Invitation to Visit a Mountain School Mrs. Singleton
Open Discussion on Topic
Pres. in charge
Report of Secretary
Ajoin for preaching service
B. H. Hillard, Group Captain.

Children Cry
FOR KLEENER'S
CASTORIA